

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we don't look at any of these individual applications.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Not after the money is appropriated; it would be their...whatever amount we appropriated would be available to whoever might qualify, based on the criterion that we've set out in the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the determination as to whether or not the applicant would receive a grant or a loan will also be made by the Claims Board.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, on page 1 of your new amendment, the term, it would be in line 7, "viable", with reference to fiscal resources. What does viable mean? It says...okay, here...it's one of the provisos that must be met in order to let an applicant qualify, create an undue burden on the local government due to a lack of viable fiscal resources.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, my opinion would be that they do not have any recourse in their ability to raise (inaudible)...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...in order to raise more funds at their level of government, and so there would be no more viable fiscal resources available to that entity.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could we say something like that, because viable is a qualifying word which might mean they do have fiscal resources available, of a certain kind, but they just don't want to go into that particular type of financing. Well, just think about it.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You don't have to give an answer right now.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, all right. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Maurstad.